

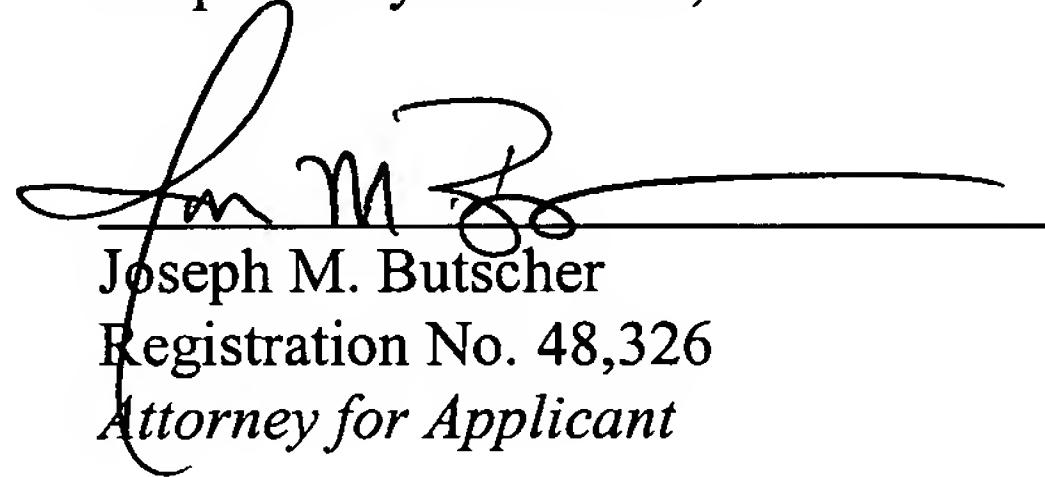
REMARKS

The present application included pending claims 1-8, 10-20, and 22-102. Claims 1-8, 10-20, and 22-24 stand rejected, while claims 25-102 have been withdrawn from consideration. By a previous Amendment, claims 1-5, and 23-102 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter therein. By this Amendment, new claim 103 has been added. New claim 103 is the same as previously cancelled claim 23, which was inadvertently cancelled. Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 16-20, 22, and 103 define patentable subject matter.

No fee is believed due with respect to new claim 103, because it takes the place of a previously cancelled claim. As such, the Applicant respectfully submits that the fee for this claim has already been paid.

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the present application define patentable subject matter, at least for the reasons previously discussed. If the Examiner has any questions or Applicant can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fees or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-0017.

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